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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
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SUMMARY: CSTD CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 9(A) (APPLICATION
OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY) ON MARCH 21. DEBATE CENTERED ON
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATION OF COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. RUMANIA ADDRESSED PARA (29) AND (30) OF SECRETARIAT
NOTE E/C.8/11. STATED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDA-
TION IN PARA 29 THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
(ACC) SHOULD BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION
AMONG UN AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT. OF SEVERAL OPTIONS LISTED IN PARA 30,
RUMANIA FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING GROUP OF
COMPUTER EXPERTS AS SUBSIDIARY BODY TO CSTD. STANDING
GROUP WOULD (1) REVIEW APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
IN LDC' S; (2) ASSIST LDCS IN PREPARING PRACTICAL PROPOSALS
FOR COMPUTER USE; AND (3) UNDERTAKE OTHER TASKS AS DIRECTED
BY CSTD.

2. NETHERLANDS EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH RECOMMENDA-
TION 29 THAT ACC SHOULD BE COORDINATION BODY. RE
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RECOMMENDATION 30 THOUGHT THAT ACASTD SHOULD BE FOCAL POINT
FOR STUDY OF APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY.

3. SPAIN FAVORED A PERMANENT STANDING GROUP OF EXPERTS.

4. U. S. AGREED WITH RECO STALLED ON THE ISSUE OF US POW' S HELD BY THE PATHET LAO. THE PARIS BILATERAL TALKS APPEARED INITIALLY UNPRODUCTIVE BUT REPORTS SUGGESTED THAT SECRET TALKS MIGHT ALSO BE IN PROGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE RECORD OF THE ICCS THIS WEEK WAS A DEPRESSING ONE AS IT BECAME INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS THAT THE CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS OF THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS DID NOT INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBJECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS IN CASES WHERE THE RESULTS THEREOF MIGHT LEAD TO CRITICISM OF THE DRV/ PRG. THE COMMUNIST DELS USED A VARIETY OF EXCUSES FOR REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATIONS, PARTICULARLY LACK OF SECURITY AND, IN SOME CASES, INSISTING THAT THE PRG MUST BE A PARTY TO THE INVESTIGATION. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS THE CONTINUING INABILITY OF THE ICCS TO ACT IN THE CASE OF THE VC/ NVA ATTACK OF THE ARVN RANGER CAMP AT TONLE CHAM IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION WAS ORDERED BY THE ICCS PLENARY. THE REGIONAL POLDEL/ HUNGDEL STALLED THE INVESTIGATION ON GROUNDS THAT THE PRG HAD FAILED TO GUARANTEE THEIR SECURITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE POLDEL PULLED OUT OF THE ICCS LOCATION AT BEN CAT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, THE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL REFUSED TO GO TO HONG NGU, KIEN PHONG PROVINCE, AND BOTH DELS PULLED OUT OF TRI TON, CHAU DOC PROVINCE, ALL ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF SECURITY. THE CANDEL PROTESTED THE LACK OF CONSULTATION IN THE CASE OF THE TRI TON PULLOUT. THE REAPPEARANCE OF SA 2 MISSILES IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO LITTLE FOR THE MORALE OF THE CANDEL WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY LOBBIED, SO VIGOROUSLY AND IT HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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SEEMED SUCCESSFULLY, TO HAVE THEM REMOVED.

3. EVEN AS DRV/ PRG REGIONAL DELS REQUESTED REDEPLOYMENT TO SAIGON AND/ OR HANOI, UNEXPECTED PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE FORMATION OF A TWO PARTY JMC (TPJMC). THE US WAS INFORMED BY THE GVN THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES ON THE SIZE OF THE CENTRAL JMC (240 PERSONNEL EACH), ON TOTAL TPJMC STRENGTH OF EACH PARTY (1200 TO 1500), AND THAT AN INAUGURATION SESSION OF THE TPJMC WOULD BE HELD ON 29 MARCH 1973. ADDITIONALLY, ON 24 MARCH, THE PRG PRESENTED MG HOANG ANH TUAN AT THE FPJMC CHIEFS' MEETING AS THE CHIEF OF THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE TWO PARTY JMC. GEN. TUAN WAS PICKED UP AT LOC NINH ON 23 MARCH BY VNAF HELICOPTER AND BROUGHT TO SAIGON. U. S. WAS NOT AWARE OF TRANSPORT OF GEN. TUAN-- EVIDENCE OF IMPROVING GVN/ PRG COMMUNICATIONS AND OF LESSENING U. S. INVOLVEMENT IN AIR MOVEMENTS OF THIS KIND. CONSIDERABLE,

FURTHER DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE EXPECTED ON THE MODALITIES OF REGIONAL AND SUB- REGIONAL DEPLOYMENT, BUT THIS PROGRESS ASSURES A HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT FOR THE TPJMC, AS A CONTINUING POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, AND KEEPS OPEN THE OPTION OF A FUNCTIONING TPJMC STRUCTURE IN THE FIELD.

4. THE MILITARY ACTION CONTINUED LIGHT IN MR 1 AND MR 2. IN MR 3, THE GVN POSITION AT RACH BAP WAS RELIEVED AND THE PRESSURE ON THE RANGER CAMP AT TONLE CHAM WAS EASED, FOLLOWING A UNIQUE TRUCE WITHIN A TRUCE, ARRANGED BY THE FPJMC FOR THE EVACUATION OF WOUNDED. SUBSEQUENT RESUPPLY OF THE POST SEEMS TO HAVE MADE ITS RELIEF BY A GROUND COLUMN LESS URGENT AND TALK OF THE POST BEING OVERRUN IF FADING. RELIEF OF THE POST WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A MAJOR GROUND EFFORT FURTHER EXACERBATING THE SITUATION IN MR 3. VC/ NVA ATTACKS OF VARIOUS POINTS IN THE DELTA, WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS POINTS OF ENTRY CONTINUE, INCLUDING HA TIEN AND TRI TON, WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON HONG NGU BUT THE ARVN APPEARS CONFIDENT THAT IT CAN HOLD ALL SUCH POINTS. MORE DISTURBING THAN THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS WERE CONTINUING REPORTS OF IMPORTANT INFILTRATIONS BY NVA ELEMENTS, AS WELL AS ROAD CUILGING ACTIVITIES AND THE REAPPEARANCE AT KEY POINTS OF SUBSTANTIAL ANTI AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE SA 2 MISSILES IN KHE SANH. THESE WERE PROTESTED IN THE FPJMC BY THE CHIEF USDEL BUT THIS PROTEST WAS REJECTED BY THE PRG/ DRV DELS.

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5. EXCHANGE OF VIETNAMESE POW' S ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS LISTS WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 25. US POW LISTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE PRG (32) ON MARCH 24 AND THE DRV (107) ON MARCH 25. NO DATE HAS BEEN PROVIDED, HOWEVER, FOR THE RELEASE OF US POW' S HELD BY THE PATHET LAO, AND AS OF THIS WRITING, THE PHASE IV PRISONER RELEASE REMAINS STALLED ON THIS ISSUE, DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE REPORTED THROUGH US FPJMC CHANNELS.

6. IN PARIS, THE BILATERAL TALKS GOT OFF TO A POOR START WITH PRESS CONFERENCE CHARGES AND COUNTER- CHARGES. OF INTEREST, HOWEVER, WAS THE GVN OFFER TO RELEASE ANY CIVILIAN PRISONERS NAMED AND CLAIMED TO BE COMMUNISTS BY THE PRG. ALSO, OF INTEREST, WAS THE REPORT IN SEMI- OFFICIAL TIN SONG THAT THE MFA HAD STATED THAT SECRET TALKS WERE BEING HELD BETWEEN GVN AND PRG DELS, IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCED MEETINGS.

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